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54 Process and apparatus for desulfating NOx traps for DI diesel engines
 57 In a desulfation process for DI diesel engines, the necessary minimum desulfating temperature is achieved by oxidizing the fuel on the catalytically active surface of an oxidation catalyst connected upstream of a NOx trap. After the necessary desulfating temperature has been reached, desulfation of the catalysts of the exhaust system is carried out by providing an almost oxygen-free exhaust stream containing 1% to 10% CO.

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